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WASHINGTON, June 24, 1986 -- Orders for new freight cars in May totaled 955, compared with 1,850 in April and 593 in May 1985, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Orders through the first five months of this year totaled 6,032, compared with 4,015 at the same point last year.

Cars placed in service in May totaled 827, compared with 607 in April and 966 in May of last year. Installations in the first five months of the year totaled 3,045, compared with 4,866 a year ago.

As of June 1, the backlog of cars on order but undelivered totaled 4,746, compared with 4,618 on May 1, and 4,093 on June 1, 1985. Average monthly backlog so far this year is 3,460, compared with 4,255 at this time last year.

The AAR also reported that 44 locomotives were placed in service in May, compared with 76 in April and 58 in May 1985.

As of June 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered was 156, compared with 190 on May 1, and 284 on June 1 a year ago.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on June 1 was 22,302, compared with 22,438 on May 1, and 23,305 on June 1 of last year.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS

ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	May		April	Five Months	
	1986	1985	1986	1986	1985
Built New by Car Builders	827	896	607	2,995	4,460
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	70	0	0	406
Built New - Total	827	966	607	2,995	4,866
Rebuilt	0	0	0	50	0
TOTAL DELIVERED	827	966	607	3,045	4,866
Locomotives	44	58	76	178	193

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	955	593	1,850	5,982	4,015
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	0
To be built New - Total	955	593	1,850	5,982	4,015
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	50	0
TOTAL ORDERED	955	593	1,850	6,032	4,015

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	June 1		May 1	Average	
	1986	1985	1986	1986	1985
To be built New by Car Builders	4,746	4,093	4,618	3,450	4,199
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	56
To be built New - Total	4,746	4,093	4,618	3,450	4,255
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	10	0
TOTAL ON ORDER	4,746	4,093	4,618	3,460	4,255
Locomotives	156	284	190	183	262

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